

Table 1.

Number and Percentage of People in Poverty in the Past 12 Months by State and Puerto Rico: 2010 and 2011

(For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2011.pdf)

State	Below poverty in 2010				Below poverty in 2011				Change in poverty (2011 less 2010)			
	Number ¹	Margin of error ² (±)	Percentage ¹	Margin of error ² (±)	Number ¹	Margin of error ² (±)	Percentage ¹	Margin of error ² (±)	Number ¹	Margin of error ² (±)	Percentage ¹	Margin of error ² (±)
United States . . .	46,215,956	240,306	15.3	0.1	48,452,035	234,166	15.9	0.1	*2,236,079	335,530	*0.6	0.1
Alabama	888,290	22,673	19.0	0.5	892,483	23,804	19.0	0.5	4,193	32,874	—	0.7
Alaska	69,279	6,120	9.9	0.9	73,905	5,839	10.5	0.8	4,626	8,459	0.5	1.2
Arizona	1,094,249	33,633	17.4	0.5	1,203,501	38,097	19.0	0.6	*109,252	50,818	*1.5	0.8
Arkansas	534,898	16,599	18.8	0.6	555,876	17,602	19.5	0.6	20,978	24,194	0.6	0.8
California	5,783,043	74,336	15.8	0.2	6,118,803	71,852	16.6	0.2	*335,760	103,385	*0.8	0.3
Colorado	659,786	23,009	13.4	0.5	674,195	21,621	13.5	0.4	14,409	31,573	0.1	0.6
Connecticut	350,145	15,842	10.1	0.5	377,856	17,034	10.9	0.5	*27,711	23,263	*0.8	0.7
Delaware	103,427	8,098	11.8	0.9	104,831	8,149	11.9	0.9	1,404	11,489	0.1	1.3
District of Columbia	109,423	7,577	19.2	1.3	109,363	8,006	18.7	1.4	—60	11,023	—0.5	1.9
Florida	3,047,343	41,603	16.5	0.2	3,173,456	53,070	17.0	0.3	*126,113	67,433	*0.5	0.4
Georgia	1,688,932	36,955	17.9	0.4	1,827,743	40,709	19.1	0.4	*138,811	54,981	*1.3	0.6
Hawaii	142,185	9,627	10.7	0.7	161,290	12,291	12.0	0.9	*19,105	15,612	*1.3	1.2
Idaho	242,272	10,788	15.7	0.7	255,027	13,229	16.5	0.9	12,755	17,070	0.7	1.1
Illinois	1,731,711	31,915	13.8	0.3	1,879,965	34,757	15.0	0.3	*148,254	47,187	*1.2	0.4
Indiana	962,775	25,003	15.3	0.4	1,011,017	27,152	16.0	0.4	*48,242	36,911	*0.7	0.6
Iowa	370,507	13,924	12.6	0.5	378,864	12,247	12.8	0.4	8,357	18,544	0.2	0.6
Kansas	377,530	15,414	13.6	0.6	383,467	13,367	13.8	0.5	5,937	20,403	0.2	0.7
Kentucky	800,226	20,902	19.0	0.5	811,277	24,336	19.1	0.6	11,051	32,080	0.2	0.8
Louisiana	825,144	21,101	18.7	0.5	908,375	21,304	20.4	0.5	*83,231	29,985	*1.7	0.7
Maine	167,242	7,702	12.9	0.6	182,448	8,462	14.1	0.7	*15,206	11,442	*1.2	0.9
Maryland	557,140	21,050	9.9	0.4	571,887	19,719	10.1	0.3	14,747	28,844	0.2	0.5
Massachusetts	725,143	21,471	11.4	0.3	738,514	23,459	11.6	0.4	13,371	31,802	0.1	0.5
Michigan	1,618,257	30,260	16.8	0.3	1,693,294	28,336	17.5	0.3	*75,037	41,456	*0.8	0.4
Minnesota	599,516	15,022	11.6	0.3	621,970	17,360	11.9	0.3	22,454	22,957	0.4	0.4
Mississippi	643,883	22,452	22.4	0.8	650,524	20,706	22.6	0.7	6,641	30,542	0.2	1.1
Missouri	888,570	21,761	15.3	0.4	920,118	22,609	15.8	0.4	*31,548	31,380	0.5	0.5
Montana	140,969	9,640	14.6	1.0	144,054	8,962	14.8	0.9	3,085	13,162	0.2	1.4
Nebraska	229,923	11,823	12.9	0.7	234,710	10,211	13.1	0.6	4,787	15,621	0.2	0.9
Nevada	398,027	20,092	14.9	0.8	426,741	20,552	15.9	0.8	28,714	28,742	1.0	1.1
New Hampshire	105,786	8,064	8.3	0.6	112,715	8,386	8.8	0.7	6,929	11,634	0.5	0.9
New Jersey	884,789	24,939	10.3	0.3	897,376	24,537	10.4	0.3	12,587	34,986	0.1	0.4
New Mexico	413,851	19,768	20.4	1.0	439,914	17,336	21.5	0.8	26,063	26,293	1.1	1.3
New York	2,821,470	46,759	14.9	0.2	3,027,342	42,152	16.0	0.2	*205,872	62,953	*1.0	0.3
North Carolina	1,627,602	29,606	17.5	0.3	1,680,963	36,728	17.9	0.4	*53,361	47,175	0.4	0.5
North Dakota	84,895	5,668	13.0	0.9	80,882	5,567	12.2	0.8	—4,013	7,945	—0.8	1.2
Ohio	1,779,032	32,237	15.8	0.3	1,845,800	35,067	16.4	0.3	*66,768	47,633	*0.6	0.4
Oklahoma	616,610	15,751	16.9	0.4	633,298	18,126	17.2	0.5	16,688	24,014	0.3	0.7
Oregon	596,408	17,283	15.8	0.5	662,283	20,527	17.5	0.5	*65,875	26,834	*1.6	0.7
Pennsylvania	1,648,184	29,243	13.4	0.2	1,695,996	36,138	13.8	0.3	*47,812	46,488	0.4	0.4
Rhode Island	142,188	9,018	14.0	0.9	148,819	8,909	14.7	0.9	6,631	12,676	0.7	1.3
South Carolina	815,755	22,461	18.2	0.5	856,938	22,008	18.9	0.5	*41,183	31,446	*0.7	0.7
South Dakota	113,760	7,599	14.4	1.0	110,681	6,608	13.9	0.8	—3,079	10,070	—0.5	1.3
Tennessee	1,095,466	29,085	17.7	0.5	1,142,299	29,429	18.3	0.5	*46,833	41,377	0.6	0.7
Texas	4,414,481	53,320	17.9	0.2	4,628,758	63,020	18.5	0.3	*214,277	82,550	*0.6	0.3
Utah	359,242	14,693	13.2	0.5	374,859	19,403	13.5	0.7	15,617	24,338	0.4	0.9
Vermont	76,352	5,250	12.7	0.9	69,075	4,730	11.5	0.8	*—7,277	7,066	*—1.2	1.2
Virginia	861,969	22,046	11.1	0.3	905,914	25,152	11.5	0.3	*43,945	33,446	*0.5	0.4
Washington	888,718	27,270	13.4	0.4	929,258	23,388	13.9	0.4	*40,540	35,925	0.5	0.5
West Virginia	326,507	13,020	18.1	0.7	334,885	13,958	18.6	0.8	8,378	19,088	0.4	1.1
Wisconsin	731,479	17,834	13.2	0.3	725,797	20,946	13.1	0.4	—5,682	27,510	—0.1	0.5
Wyoming	61,577	6,480	11.2	1.2	62,629	5,598	11.3	1.0	1,052	8,563	0.1	1.6
Puerto Rico	1,659,792	21,557	45.0	0.6	1,673,610	27,123	45.6	0.7	13,818	34,646	0.5	0.9

— Represents or rounds to zero.

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹ Poverty status is determined for individuals in housing units and noninstitutional group quarters. The poverty universe excludes children under age 15 who are not related to the householder, people living in institutional group quarters, and people living in college dormitories or military barracks.

² Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. A margin of error is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the margin of error in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. This number when added to or subtracted from the estimate forms the 90 percent confidence interval.

Note: The number and percentage of people in poverty for the United States does not include Puerto Rico.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2011 American Community Survey and 2010 and 2011 Puerto Rico Community Survey.